



# LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

September 7, 2004

The Honorable Board of Directors Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

APPROVE A REVISED PLAN OF EXPENDITURE AND AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO GRANT PER PARCEL DISCRETIONARY FUNDS TO THE CITY OF LONG BEACH (FOURTH DISTRICT - 3 -VOTE MATTER)

#### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

- 1. Approve the revised plan of expenditure for the City of Long Beach (City) to add acquisition of property to the project description of the Hilltop Site Sports Complex Development Project allocated under Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (U), Item (ii) of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 (1992 Proposition).
- 2. Authorize the Interim Director of Parks and Recreation to grant \$102,570 of Fourth Supervisorial District Per Parcel Discretionary funds allocated to the City under Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the 1992 Proposition, but never committed, for its Houghton Park Skate Park Project.

#### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of the first recommended action would add acquisition to the description of the City's Hilltop Site Development Project. The City would then expend some of the 1992 Proposition Specified Project funds to pay for acquisition of approximately six acres of privately owned land at the Hilltop Site. Currently the funds are restricted to construction and development of an Adult Sports Complex at the Hilltop Site adjacent to the City of Signal Hill. The 1992 Proposition, Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph

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(2), Subparagraph (U), Item (ii) allocated \$6,200,000 to the City for the development of El Dorado Regional Park. On June 3, 1997, your Board approved a revised plan of expenditure to change the location of the project to a new 40 acre location known as "Hilltop Site."

The City Council of the City of Long Beach approved a resolution at a noticed public meeting on October 14, 2003, (Attachment) requesting a revised plan of expenditure to add the acquisition of property at the Hilltop Site to the already approved Hilltop Site Sports Complex Development Project.

Approval of the second recommended action would allow the City to apply for \$102,570 in uncommitted Per Parcel Discretionary funds allocated to the City under Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the 1992 Proposition for the construction of a 15,230 square foot skateboard and BMX park in Houghton Park.

### Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goal 1 (Service Excellence), Goal 4 (Fiscal Responsibility) and Goal 5 (Children and Families' Well-being) by assisting the City to purchase additional property for the Hilltop Site Sports Complex and to construct a skateboard park in Houghton Park.

#### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient funds for the projects, totaling \$6,302,570, are budgeted in the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's Assessment Fund (HB4) under Other Charges to fund these projects:

- 1992 Proposition Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (U), Item (ii) in the amount of \$6,200,000 for the City's Hilltop Site Sports Complex Development Project; and
- 1992 Proposition, Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) in the amount of \$102,570 for the City's Houghton Park Skate Park Project.

#### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

#### Specified Projects Funds

The recommended action involves funds allocated under the Specified Projects Grant Program funded by the 1992 Proposition. The 1992 Proposition provided funding for projects that were specified in the measure and identified a procedure for revision of

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those projects prior to July 1, 1998. That procedure remains the method by which specified project funds may be approved by your Board for other uses. An agency may submit a revised plan of expenditure to use the funds for a project that is consistent with the purposes of the 1992 Proposition after the grantee's governing body considers and approves the revision of its project at a public meeting. The City has complied with the required procedures and requests approval of its revised plan of expenditure to add acquisition of property at the Hilltop Site to the project description of the Hilltop Site Sports Complex Development Project.

#### Per Parcel Discretionary Funds

Per Parcel Discretionary funds identified in Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the 1992 Proposition are subject to reallocation by your Board under the provisions of Section (9), Subsection (e) of the 1992 Proposition. Agencies eligible for these funds were required to encumber their funds by June 30, 1996. Beginning with Fiscal Year 1996-97, any Per Parcel funds not committed to expenditure are available for award by your Board for one or more of the classes of expenditures specified in Section (8) of the 1992 Proposition for projects that your Board deems to be of the highest priority.

If your Board does not approve the City's request, the City may either expend the funds for the uses currently specified, request your Board's approval to fund different new projects with the funds, or relinquish its claim to the funds.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved these actions as to form.

## IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions will have no impact on any other projects funded through the District but are required so that the City may add acquisition of property to the description of its Hilltop Site Sports Complex Development Project and construction of a skate park at Houghton Park.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

These actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Section 15061 (b) (3) of the State CEQA Guidelines because it can be seen with certainty that these actions will have no impact on the environment. Any projects funded through the District are required to undergo the applicable CEQA review by their grantee agencies.

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# CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one conformed copy of this action to the Chief Administrative Office, Capital Projects Division and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Guiney

Interim Director, Parks and Recreation

Attachment

c: Chief Administrative Officer

Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors (22)

County Counsel

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WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles, on November 3, 1992, enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beaches and Wildlife Protection (the "Proposition"), which provides funds to the County of Los Angeles and other public agencies in the County for the purposes of acquiring and/or developing facilities for public recreational facilities and open space; and

WHEREAS, the project for the development and construction of a 16 sportspark at the area between Orange Avanue, California Avenue, Willow Street and Spring Street (the "hilltop site") was permitted under Section 8(b)2Uii of the Proposition ("Previous Application"); and

WHEREAS, the City now desires to further utilize such funds for the 20 acquisition of property within the hilltop site for the development of the sportspark; and WHEREAS, Section 18 of the Proposition allows for the City to submit to the County Board of Supervisors a new plan of expenditure of the funds. The Board of Supervisors, in its capacity as governing body of the County, shall approve the plan by a majority vote;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as follows:

Section. 1. The amendment to the eligible uses of the grant funds for the acquisition of property within the hillian site for the development of the sportspark 2

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as described in the Previous Application is approved. Sec. 2. The City Manager, or his designee, is appointed as agent of the City to submit the amendment to the Previous Application to the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, and to execute all documents necessary to receive such funds. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its Sec. 3. adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution. I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of \_\_\_ , 2003, by the following vote: Lowenthal, Baker, Colonna, Carroll, Councilmembers: Ayes: Kell, Richardson, Reyes Branga, Lerch. None. Councilmembers: Noes: Webb. Councilmembers: Absent: 22 23 25 OCA 26

# AN EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2003

DEPARTMENTS: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE

SUBJECT: Amendment to project description for grant funds from County of Los Angeles Regional Park and Open Space District Specified Project Grant Program 58F5-94-0095. (Resolution amending the eligible uses of grant funds from the County of Los Angeles Regional Park and Open Space District Specified Projects Grant Program.) (District 7)

#### SUGGESTED ACTION:

Receive supporting documentation into the record and conclude the hearing.

Adopt Resolution to authorize City Manager to amend the application to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to change the grant description of Grant 58F5-94-0095 related to the proposed sports park.

ACTION: (As recommended.) (Adopted Resolution No. 28274) (Reyes Uranga/Lowenthal) (Unanimous) (Absent: Webb)

Speaker: Ann Cantrell.

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